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Embassy has learned from reliable local diplomat that Mikoyan in conversation Finnish Ambassador at reception during recent Polish visit stressed that Austria, "like Finland", will be neutral country.

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Informant had also noted Tass treatment Kekkonen interview with DIE WELT (Embassy telegram 1918) and gave opinion that this treatment, together with above, may indicate Soviets prefer preserve Finnish neutrality to Finnish military tie with Soviet bloc. Informant also believed Soviets would be reluctant embarrass Kekkonen ("their man") prior forthcoming Finnish elections.

Additional explanation may be Soviets desire maintain pose of willingness to negotiate which would be jeopardized by pressures on Finland or other neighbors, and fear lest Swedes be pushed to reexamine neutrality.

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